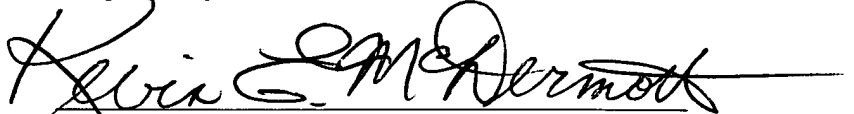


REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 5, 2008, the Applicants have amended the Specification to replace the first paragraph after the title of the invention.

The Applicants respectfully request early examination of the claims. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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